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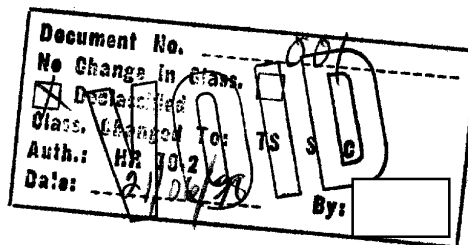
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1. [redacted] Veitscher Magnesitwerke A.G., Vienna I,
Schwarzenbergplatz 5, MARTUSHOV (phonetic) a representative of the Soviet
Trade Delegation in Vienna, ordered 2,000 tons of magnesite bricks from
his firm during November 1949. About ten days ago the Soviets suddenly
increased this order to a total of 4,000 tons. The Soviets have submitted
drawings and specifications for a type of brick used to line large blast
furnaces which require 500 tons of magnesite brick. Since the largest blast
furnaces in Austria require only 300 tons, [redacted] believes this purchase is
destined for delivery to a large Siemens-Martin furnace near Berlin

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2. MARTUSHOV has offered to pay Veitscher Magnesitwerke A.G. in schillings
valued at approximately \$450,000, but he alleges that he is not able to obtain
this entire sum from the Soviet Military Bank. For this reason, final terms
regarding payment are still pending. [redacted] alleges he has agreed to accept
payment in schillings, believing that when the Soviets have paid for the origi-
nal order of 2,000 tons, his firm will be able to demand and get hard currency
for the remainder of this and future Soviet purchases of magnesite brick.

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